

INTERESTING TALK ON CONDITIONS IN KUKONG: Y'S MEN'S CLUB TIFFIN MEETING

Model Village To Be Built To Relieve Housing Problem

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS IN KUKONG AND THAT REGION IN NORTH KWANGTUNG was given yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong's Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel by Mr. E. H. Lockwood, General Secretary of the Canton YMCA.

Kukong, a town formerly known as Shihkuwan and Shiu-chow, may be reached from Hongkong by three different routes, Mr. Lockwood said. The first of these is by plane to Kwelin and from there by train to Shihkuwan. The second way is by plane to Nam Hang and from there by motor-road to Shihkuwan. The third route is the East River route through Sha-U-Chung.

People who have travelled the third route, the speaker said, have many interesting stories to tell. It has been estimated that if all the coolies using the road at the same time were made to stand in line, each man touching the shoulder of the one before him, the whole line would stretch from Tamshui to Sha-U-Chung.

Rates of pay enjoyed by the coolies were about the highest he knew of in China and they were making the most of the good time. Perhaps for the first time too in the history of China, chair coolies were being victimized by robbers and had wordly possessions coveted by the brigands.

EXCITING TALES

Travellers, on the road, when they met, had always exciting tales to tell one another and gatherings in rest houses en route could be compared with those of travellers in inns in mediaeval times. Exciting things seemed to happen to everyone, though thousands must have made the journey without an incident of any kind.

He had a story to tell himself, Mr. Lockwood said, and it concerned a trip by motor-road from Lungchui to Shihkuwan. After having negotiated a long series of hazardous bends in the road, he had changed cars, and the news reached him shortly afterwards that not long after he had got out of the car that had done the more dangerous part of the route, it had gone off the road into a paddy field, with all passengers. If the steering gear had failed only a little earlier, the car may have gone over the side of the road and plunged into deep ravine.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Kukong was a region of beauty. It had been little bigger than a small village until the war had given it importance. Its suburbs were growing, very rapidly and there were always more people in town than all the housing accommodation could hold. Many people had grown used to living in boats and rented these in the river.

It was said that in Kwelin it was easier to get a job than to rent a house and easier to find a wife than a servant. And this was even more true of Kukong. The Government only recently rented a house there known as the Fu Lai Hse to serve as a hostel for visitors and the YMCA were also renting two houses for people passing through.

SPRIT OF COMRADESHIP

He had never lived in a place, Mr. Lockwood said, where the people were so friendly. Most of the residents were new people to the town and many of them had come up from Canton. A strong spirit of comradeship prevailed and people who had only been casual ac-

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SPORTS & GENERAL

BADMINTON LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Badminton League will make a start next Monday with a match between University "B" and Recreio in the "A" Division.

The following are the fixtures for the season:

"A" DIVISION

Dec. 9 University "B" v. Recreio.
16 Chinese Y. v. University "A".
23 Univ. "B" v. Chinese Y.

Jan. 6 Recreio v. Univ. "A".
13 Univ. "A" v. Univ. "B". Chinese Y. v. Recreio.

20 Recreio v. Univ. "B".
3 Univ. "A" v. Chinese Y.
10 Chinese Y. v. Univ. "B".
17 Univ. "A" v. Recreio.

24 Univ. "B" v. Univ. "A". Recreio v. Chinese Y.

"B" DIVISION

Dec. 11 V.R.C. "A" v. King's College. Chung Wah v. Recreio, K.C.C. v. Police, Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's.

18 J.R.C. v. King's College, V.R.C. v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. Police, K.C.C. v. K. Tong.

Jan. 9 Recreio v. J.R.C. King's College v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. St. Andrew's. Police v. K. Tong.

16 J.R.C. v. Chung Wah, Recreio v. V.R.C. K. Tong v. St. John's, St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

23 J.R.C. v. Recreio v. King's College, St. John's v. K.C.C., St. Andrew's v. Police.

Feb. 5 King's College v. V.R.C. Recreio v. Chung Wah, Police v. K.C.C., St. Andrew's v. K. Tong.

12 King's College v. J.R.C. Chung Wah, v. V.R.C. Police v. St. John's, K. Tong v. K.C.C.

19 J.R.C. v. Recreio, Chung Wah v. King's College, St. Andrew's v. St. John's, K. Tong v. Police.

26 Chung Wah v. J.R.C. V.R.C. v. Recreio, St. John's v. K. Tong, K.C.C. v. St. Andrew's.

Mar. 2 J.R.C. v. V.R.C. King's College v. Recreio, K.C.C. v. St. John's Police v. St. Andrew's.

The "B" Division is divided into two sections, and the first two matches on each of the above dates are in the "A" section, and the last two in "B".

EXHIBITION MATCHES

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese YMCA for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "tit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his team mate C. Au by a similar score.

The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. W. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y" if last night's exhibition is any criterion.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BILLIARDS — Garrison League, Signals v. 5th R.A. Regt. R.A.; Garrison Corp. I.E. v. Pay Corps; Ordnance Corps v. Military Police; Royal Scots v. Service Corps.

TOMORROW

CRICKET — Senior friends, Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. Junior friends, Indian R.C. v. Police R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.

FOOTBALL

South China v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill); St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's); Kwong Wah V. Club (Boundary Street), 4 p.m. Second Division: South China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill); 2.30 p.m. Middlesex v. Kowloon (Kowloon); 2.30 p.m.; Kwong Wah v. Kitchee (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; Ordnance v. Service Corps (Military), 2.30 p.m.; Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Military), 4 p.m. Third Division: International v. Air Force (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.; 35th R.A. v. Signals (Stanley), 4 p.m. Shell v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon), 4 p.m.; Medicals v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.; 36th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Bookmood), 2.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS

v. St. George's

Entries For Thirteenth Extra Meet

The following are the entries for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, Dec. 14.

1-2 P.M.—Queensland Autumn Champions: Winner \$1,000, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any season that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club since 1940 only. Weight for inches as per scale.

Post Entries: Entrants \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

NOTE.—Entries to be nominated on the day of the race, i.e. Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

2—Last Chance Handicap: Winner \$400, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$200. For Extra Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Weight for inches as per scale.

Post Entries: Entrants \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

3—Dilatory Handicap: Winner \$300, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

4—Attacking Time, Blue Field, Dawn Star, Emergency Unit, Eve of Hunting, Jane Doe, Just In Time, Lovely Star, Potentate, Rob Roy, Royal Wedding Eve, Scenic View, Silver Wings, Taxing Master.

5—Basket Ball throwing, shot put; high jump; broad jump; javelin throwing, and hop, skip and jump; for "A" teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events:—Basket ball throwing; shot put (5 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; javelin throwing, and hop, skip and jump; for A teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

(N.B. Height for men competing in the B teams is not to exceed 5 feet; and for ladies, 4 feet 8 inches).

OPEN EVENTS

The following events are open to the public:

Men's A teams: 400 metres relay

and 1,600 metres relay; Men's B teams: 400 metres relay; Ladies teams: 400 metres relay. Open to all comers—10,000 metres.

Special events are the 400 metres relay open to all departments of the S.C.A.A. and 100 metres handicap.

S.C.A.A. TRACK, FIELD MEET: MANY ENTRIES

The 18th Track and Field Meet of the South China Athletic Association, to be held on Dec. 29, and New Year's Day, at Caroline Hill, have attracted a large number of entries from members and from the public.

The following are the events:

Men's A teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 1,500 metres flat race; 110 metre and 400 metre hurdles.

Men's B teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres flat race.

Ladies' A teams: 50 metres sprint; 100 metres sprint; 200 metres and 400 metres flat; and 80 metres hurdles.

Ladies' B teams: 50 metres and 100 metres sprint.

Men's field events:—Shot put; high jump; broad jump; javelin throwing, and hop, skip and jump; for "A" teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events:—Basket ball throwing; shot put (5 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; javelin throwing, and hop, skip and jump; for A teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

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RACING—Macau Jockey Club, December Race Meeting.</

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Orchestra Quartet

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12.30 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

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Plough and Sow; It's A Great City (Bodrogi); Serenade; Bihari Waltzes (Bihari). There Are Unkissed Lips: White and Red Roses (Bela).

12.45 Piano Duets by Kawica and Landauer.

The Great Waltz—Selection, Roses December (Film Life of the Party); Rossini (from the film).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

Alone Again (Harry Woods); A Rendezvous with a Dream (Film Portrait); I Want the Whole World to Love You (Bryan and Marks).

1.15 Nat Gonella and His Geograms.

Fox-Trots—The Dipsy Doodle; Jubilee (Film "Every Day's a Holiday"); Quickstep—Get Hot; Slow Fox-Trot—Makin' A Fool of Myself; Fox-Trots—Coona Goo; Big Chief 'Swing It' (Film "The Joy Parade").

1.30 Reuter & Hurby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Grieg.

In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3—Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 2, Op. 55—New Light Symphony Orchestra; I Love Thee—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Solitary Traveller, Op. 43, No. 2; Brooklet, Op. 62, No. 4—Eileen Joyce (Piano).

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills; I've Got My Eyes On You (Film Broadway Melody of 1940)—Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Quickstep—You gorillas dancing doll; Slow Fox-Trot—When June comes—Manikoni & His Music for Dancing Fox-Trots—I Wouldn't Take A Million (Film Young People); Looking for Yesterday—Tommy Dorsey and His Orch. Fox-Trot—Wotcher Me Old Cock Sparrow; Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By—Jack

Payne and His Band. Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet Again—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Durak — Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105.

Prague String Quartet.

8.10 Studio—Piano Recital by Harry Ore.

1. Sonatas No. 3 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 23 (Scriabin)—1st Mov.; Drama-tico; 2nd Mov.; Allegretto; 3rd Mov.; Andante; 4th Mov.; Presto con fuoco. 2. (a) Cradle Song (Tchaikovsky); (b) Polonaise (Tchaikovsky).

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

9.45 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No.

2 in G Minor, Op. 18.

1st Mov.; Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov.; Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov.; Allegro scherzando—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano); and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

10.15 Three Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).

O Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy).

Oh, How Can't I Forget (Barthelemy); Napulitanita (Costa).

10.30 Half an hour of Spanish Music.

Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler).

—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano. Un Barcarillo Alegra (Media-Villa-Prado); Sentir Gitano (Morodo-Aquino-Munoz Arenillas); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra. Festival in Seville (Albeniz); Philadelphia Symphony Orch. conducted by Leopold Stokowski. If I could forget Your Eyes (Albeniz); Eres Tu (Sandovar)—Benjamini Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Romanza Aduliza (Spanish Dance), Op. 22 (Sarasate)—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.

11.00 Close down.

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- 25 Tardy
- 26 Ostrich-like bird
- 27 Beverage
- 28 Converter
- 29 Finish

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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

6-Tides: High 12.30 a.m. and 4.20 p.m. Low 6.11 a.m. and 7.46 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 4:39 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Cheer Club, Darts and Table Tennis; Concert, 8 p.m.

Official Dinner at Govt. House for Sir John Latham and Commodore A.C. Collinson, 8.15 p.m.

Crown Lands Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid, St. John's Place, 1.30 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

7-Tides: High 12.3 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 6.23 a.m. and 8.58 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 4:39 p.m.

Christ Church, Annual Bazaar.

Annual Lawn Bowls Match—St. George's Society v St. Andrew's Society, K.B.C.G., 12.30 p.m.

Charity Soccer, Kwong Wah v. H.K. P.C. (1st Div.).

Concert at K.O.C. by Band of Royal Scots, 9.15 p.m.

H.K. Polo Club, KOYLL Cup Final—

H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Yenching Alumni Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

St. Stephen's Girls' College, Sale of Work, 11 a.m.—5 p.m.; Chinese Play, 7.30 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor to Entertain Boy Scouts at Mountain Lodge, 3-6 p.m.

Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

8-Tides: High 1.04 a.m. and 5.55 p.m. Low 1.15 a.m. and 11.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 4:39 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship—First and Second Rounds.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Macao Jockey Club's December Meeting.

9-Tides: High 4.50 a.m. and 8.28 p.m. Low 11.04 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 4:38 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

H.K. Society for Protection of Children, Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. Speech Competition, 8.30 p.m.

Evacuation Representative Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton & Swimming, 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

11-Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.23 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 4:40 p.m.

Ying Wah Alumni O.B.A. Reunion Dinner, Ong Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road.

Badminton League starts:

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

King's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

H.K.P.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Chess Night, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.

12-Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.



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NAZI OIL SUPPLIES CHIEF OBJECTIVE OF THE R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — If Germany runs short of oil she must stop fighting. It is with this belief uppermost in mind that the R.A.F. have shaped their operations. And the R.A.F. know a trick worth two of bombing oil wells. What this trick is was explained; among other things, by the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, at the Press conference yesterday.

The British blockade, said Mr. Dalton, is working well and the enemy are growing uncomfortably short of certain commodities. Oil, rubber and copper, looted by Germany from occupied territories, are now exhausted, and Germany is back where she was six months ago.

The safety margin of oil in Germany has not yet been touched, but she is using more oil than she is producing as a result of R.A.F. attacks on supplies, storage and the transport system, and the disappointing supplies received from Russia.

HEAD OF LIST

He recommended targets in Germany to the Air Ministry and he always kept oil near the head of the list.

In Italy, Bari had always been the R.A.F.'s number one target, it's economically more important than Milan or Turin as the most important oil stocks in Italy are kept there.

Speaking of the difficulty of transporting the humanitaria in surplus to Germany, Mr. Dalton said that as crude oil was not very inflammable it was sometimes suggested bombing the Romanian wells. Rather wait until Germany had spent labour and time forming and transporting it, and then bomb it.

ITALIAN SHORTAGE

Italy would feel the pinch even before Germany, said Mr. Dalton, because she had no synthetic oil plant and there was little doubt that her supplies were growing short, and she had to get replacement from Germany.

Mr. Dalton would like to see an increasing mobilisation of reserves of United States production set aside for Britain and her Allies, and added "there have been exchanges of views with the United States on the matter."

GERMAN TOWNS BOMBED

EXPLOSIONS, FIRES OBSERVED

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Mannheim and Ludwigshafen which were linked across the Rhine by a most important bridge which was used by rail and foot traffic, were attacked by British bombers on Tuesday night, despite unfavourable weather conditions.

In both towns, fires and explosions were observed.

The R.A.F. also attacked a blast furnace plant at Essen, while

SENSATIONAL CHANGES IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE FORECAST

NEW BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Private reports from Europe, forecasting sensational changes in Western Europe and the Mediterranean in the near future, are being eagerly discussed by some of the better informed diplomatic sources in Washington.

The reports declare that the internal situation in Italy is rapidly deteriorating and there is much dissatisfaction among the people but it is not yet crystallised because the opposition to the regime is still without a leader and, in addition, there has been a number of executions of dissident elements. A friction is also reported between Signor Mussolini and Marshal Graziani and it is stated that he has twice refused to obey orders to attack on the Egyptian front until reinforcements of men and material have reached him and these apparently cannot be sent.

As a result of these developments, together with the Italian reverses in Alabia and the refusal of the Italian Fleet to meet the British Navy, it is reported that Berlin now considers Italy's usefulness as a partner almost irreparably damaged.

BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

It is believed here that Herr Hitler is seeking nothing less than a new Axis between Berlin and Paris and M. Laval's midday visit in Berlin is connected with this project.

In support of these reports, the well-informed weekly paper, Foreign Correspondence, says it is believed that Laval is willing to give his backing to the project if the rewards to France are sufficiently inviting.

Diplomatic sources state reports from Europe indicate that Hitler finds Signor Mussolini unreliable and troublesome and he would therefore find the remains of the French Fleet, plus the French Mediterranean bases, more useful against Britain than any contribution Signor Mussolini has yet made or likely to make and he consequently allowed M. Laval to understand that a handsome reward was awaiting him.

TERRIFIC NAZI AIR LOSSES

British A.A. Gunners Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — In 14 months of the war, Britain and her allies have accounted for over 6,000 enemy planes not including "possibles" or "probables." To date British anti-aircraft gunners have shot down over 400 enemy planes over Britain, 300 by day and over 100 by night.

British losses over Britain total 850 planes or more than a 3-to-1 victory. Better still, 415 pilots were saved to fly again, a victory of 7.1/2-to-1.

Hitler's worst months were August, when 1,094 enemy planes were brought down, and September, when 1,071 German planes were shot out of the sky.

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain yesterday was very slight. Shortly after midday, according to an Air Ministry communiqué, bombs were dropped on Dover doing some damage but causing few casualties.

One enemy bomber was shot down over the Dutch coast by British fighters without loss to themselves.

U.S. BUILT PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — It is revealed that an American built aircraft took the photographs of the damaged Italian warships at Taranto and the R.A.F. are enthusiastic over the performance of the American aircraft they are now using.

They have fought their way successfully through many operations, particularly in the Middle East.

The R.A.F. have come to regard with real affection the Lockheed Hudsons which are proving such a valuable aid to Britain's Coastal Command and which have taken part in hundreds of bombing raids from Norway to the Bay of Biscay.

EXECUTIVE YUAN COUNSELLOR

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central) — The National Government in a minute issued yesterday appoint ed Mr. Sun Hsiao-lou Counsellor of the Executive Yuan.

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Smart Police Work: Three Men Committed For Trial

SMART POLICE WORK PREVENTED WHAT MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A SYSTEMATIC HOLDING UP OF TAXICABS and which resulted in three men being charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on counts of robbery and attempted robbery by two or more.

The accused, LI CHING, 25, unemployed coolie, LI TSOI, 35, earth cooler, and LI SUM, 31, unemployed, were alleged to have robbed Mak Shu-tong, taxi-driver, of 55 cents at Tai Hang Road on Nov. 10.

MADAME SUN FO TO OPEN CHARITY BAZAAR TODAY

What promises to be a function of considerable interest is the bazaar to be opened at 1:30 p.m. today in the Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay by Mme. Sun Fo, wife of the President of the Legislative Yuan. This bazaar, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldier's Relief Association, is under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan, chairman of the H.K.C.W.S.R.A., and a corps of helpers and there will be attractions and games for old and young.

The bazaar, which will continue for three days beginning this afternoon, will remain open from 2:30 to 11 p.m. today, tomorrow and on Sunday it will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FUN IN PLENTY

Apart from a dozen kinds of amusements for children, tasty candies, tea and refreshments, fruits, sausages, beautiful flowers, etc., there will be stalls for woolens, and knitted garments, Chinese products, dolls and "dolls' cribs," children's clothes, curios and ancient and modern Chinese pictures, needlework, etc. Then the staff of the Sun Ying Ming Photographers' Studio will be on hand to give their services free of charge, while a professional fortune-teller will read one's hands and face and give the entire proceeds to the work of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldier's Relief Association.

The Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Band has kindly consented to attend and to render musical selections during the three days of the bazaar.

It is hoped that the public will give the function its fullest support by digging deeper into their pockets and helping a very worthy cause. Incidentally, tickets which are being sold, may be exchanged for goods and one may be sure that one will obtain at this bazaar some very attractive bargains.

Rice Price Fixed By Government

The following order is made by Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton, Controller of Food, in the Hongkong Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday.

The maximum prices for the following grades of rice shall, until further notice, be as follows:

Grade No. 1	15 cents per catty.
Grade No. 2	15 cents per catty.
	71 cents for 5 catties.
Grade No. 3	14 cents per catty.
	68 cents for 5 catties.
Broken	12 cents per catty.
	58 cents for 5 catties.

EXPORTS PROHIBITED

The following notification was received from the office of the Colonial Secretary yesterday for publication:

"With reference to the Government Gazette Extraordinary published today, it is notified for general information that it is hoped that the measures for the limitation of retail prices of rice are purely temporary in view of the attempted raising of the wholesale price to an unwarrantable level by suppliers abroad. With a view to conservation of adequate stocks here the export of rice from the Colony is being prohibited meanwhile."

The Earl of Abingdon, Seymour-street, W., was fined £20 at Bow-street for permitting a light to be shown after dark from a bathroom window, the defence pleading that the house had been left in charge of junior servants.

During the first six months of rationing Battersea Borough Council received 1,152 applications for the replacement of lost ration books.

STRONG APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Repair Of Devastated Kunming Hospital

The Hui Tien Hospital, Kunming, was bombed recently by Japanese aircraft and rendered useless and \$40,000 is now urgently needed to build emergency accommodation of mud brick to resume its work.

This was revealed on Wednesday evening when a strong appeal for support of the campaign, which was recently launched in aid of the hospital, was made by Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, at a dinner of the St. John's University Alumni Association.

Dr. Yen stated that of the amount needed two-thirds have already been pledged by Hongkong individuals and public organisations, the Hongkong Chinese Bankers' Association having promised to contribute \$10,000, the Bank of China, \$5,000; while the Chinese Red Cross Society is to raise a handsome amount.

The Hui Tien Hospital is the only British Medical establishment on the Burma Road between Lashio and Chungking and is the largest in Yunnan and Kweichow.

FOREIGNER FOUND DEAD IN S'HAI

NO CLUES AS TO IDENTITY

West Hongkong detectives were confronted with a mystery in Shanghai, on Nov. 28, following the discovery of a male foreigner in Lane 53 off North Kiangse Road at 8:30 a.m. The man was taken to the General Hospital in an emergency ambulance, but no aid was rendered as the man was dead.

The deceased appeared to be about 55 years of age, was slightly bald, with a gray mustache and a goatee beard. When discovered, he was wearing a checked gray coat, leather jerkin, gray gabardine trousers and brown boots.

NO CLUES

No clues as to his identity were found by the police, who, however, stated that he had a Union Jack emblem in the lapel of his coat. He was also tattooed on both arms. A dagger and heart were on the right arm, while a flower with "Union" crossed flags, a cross and figures 26-12-71 were on the left. The man was about six feet tall.

The tattoo marks and the Union Jack emblem led the detectives to believe that the deceased was a Briton, but his identity continued to remain a mystery. N.C.D.N.

CATTLE DEALER KIDNAPPED IN SHANGHAI

With one kidnapping case still unsolved in Shanghai, Bubbling Well station detectives were faced with another mystery on Nov. 28 when Tang Wu-sung, a cattle dealer, was carried away from a Chinese tea house at 65 Avenue Haig at about 7:30 a.m. reports the North China Daily News. This crime came close on the heels of the abduction of a four-year-old Chinese boy, who was taken away by gangsters.

The latest victim, a wealthy cattle dealer, is 37 years old and a native of Foochow. He resides at 1462/17 Avenue Edward VII. On Nov. 28, he was sipping tea at the Avenue Haig tea house when five armed men came up in a Taylor Garage lorry car.

VICTIM SINGLED OUT

Telling the chauffeur to wait for them, the men entered the place where they intimidated the patrons with their guns and singled out their victim. They then left the tea house and ordered the chauffeur to drive to Yu Yuen Road.

When the latter hesitated, the kidnappers told him that they were from 78 Jeafford Road. At the corner of Yu Yuen and Tifeng Roads, the chauffeur was thrown out of the taxi, which sped along in a westerly direction, driven by one of the gang. The chauffeur went to the Bubbling Well police station immediately where he reported the case.

The taxi was later found in Yu Yuen Road, but no further developments in the case were reported yesterday.

GENERAL

Commercial Department Debate

ASIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

An inter-class debate on the subject "That the economic progress of Asia depends more on America than on Europe," was held by the Commercial Department of the University yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ratna Krikaruk, senior, led the proposition with Mr. Yeung as second, Mr. Tang Sin-ken, junior, was the only opposition speaker since his second did not turn up at the last moment.

The proposition argued that Europe of today was torn by war and would forever be haunted by war, since the end of one war meant the preparation for another. Statistics were produced to show the obvious trend increasing reliance of the new, vigorous, and an awakening Asia on America for economic progress.

POLITICAL FACTORS

The opposer's refutation was based on historical background and political factors. America with its foreign policy of non-involvement in the politics of countries other than its own would never do, unless with the full cooperation of Russia and Great Britain, he said. Concluding, he believed, law, and order, and institution of Asia, only Great Britain and other great European countries had the capacity to do so.

A straw vote was cast by the audience at the end of the debate, which resulted in 13-8 against the resolution.

Miss Archer and Prof. Robertson, of the Department, was present. Mr. Luk Man-hay was in the chair.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:-

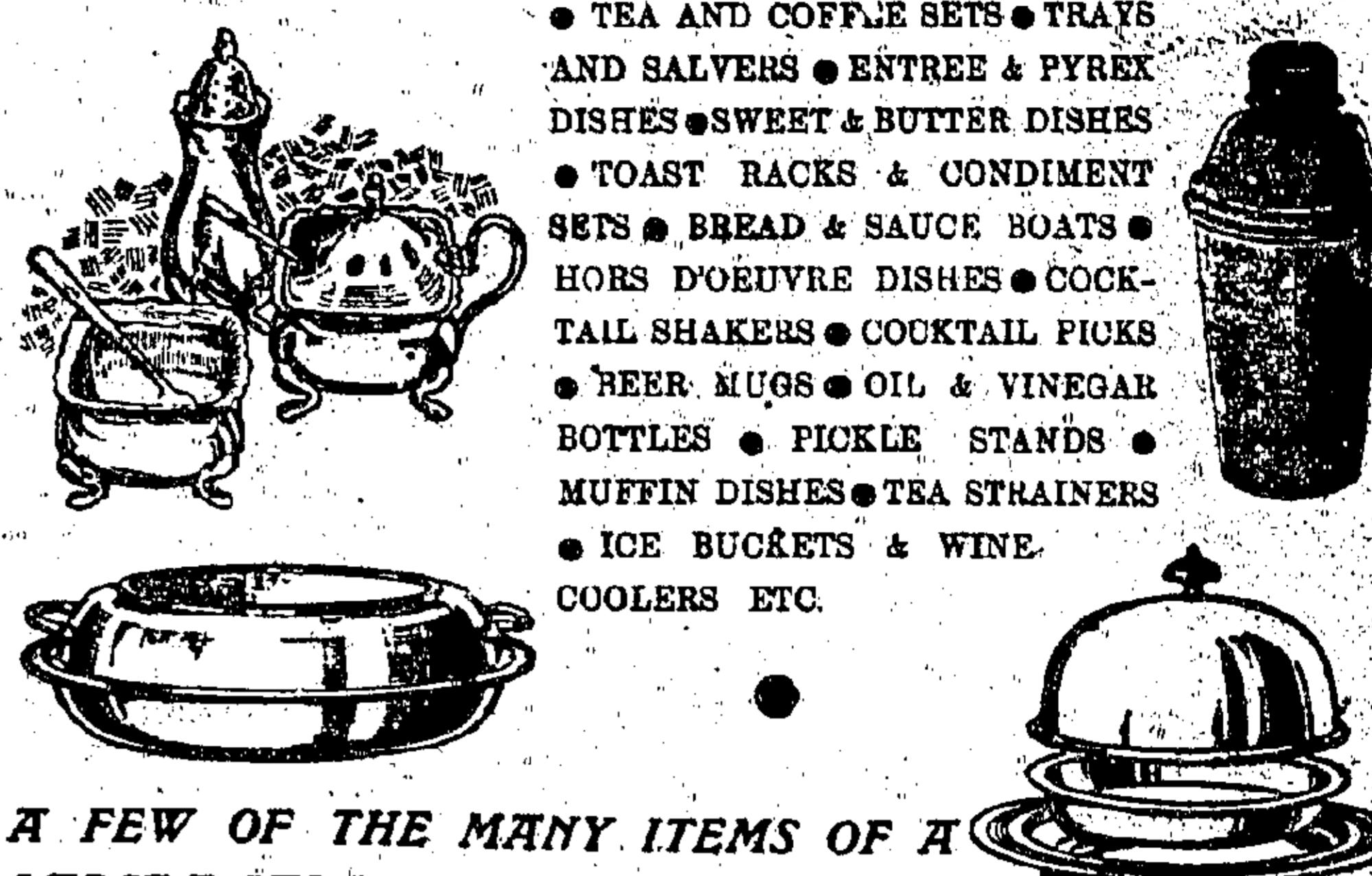
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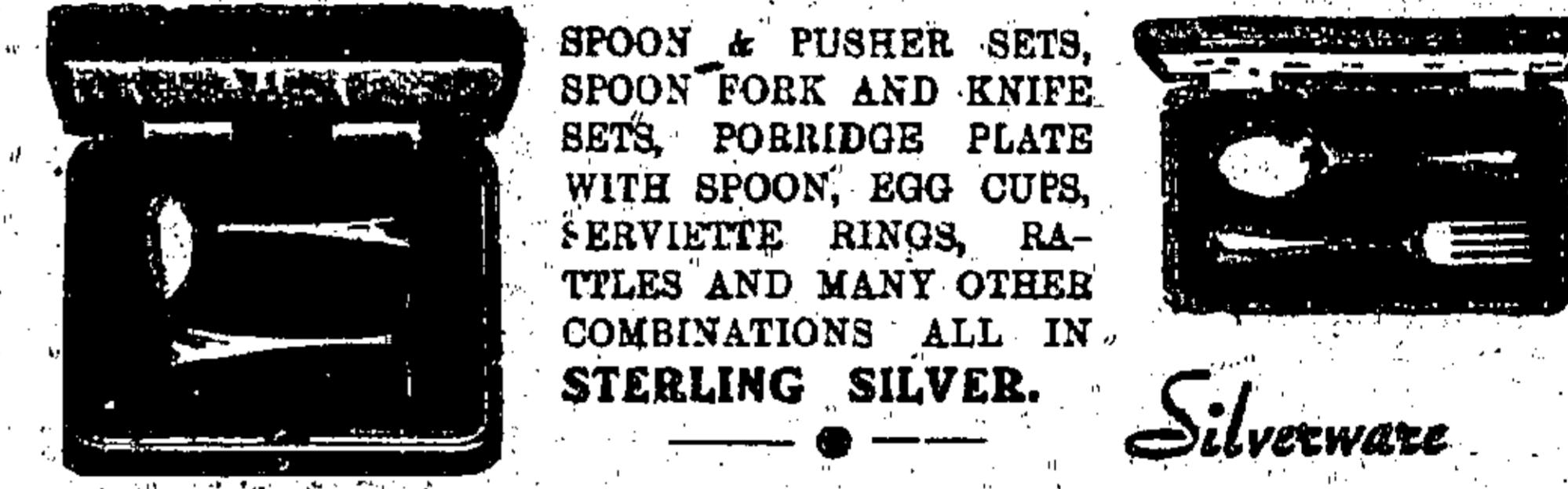
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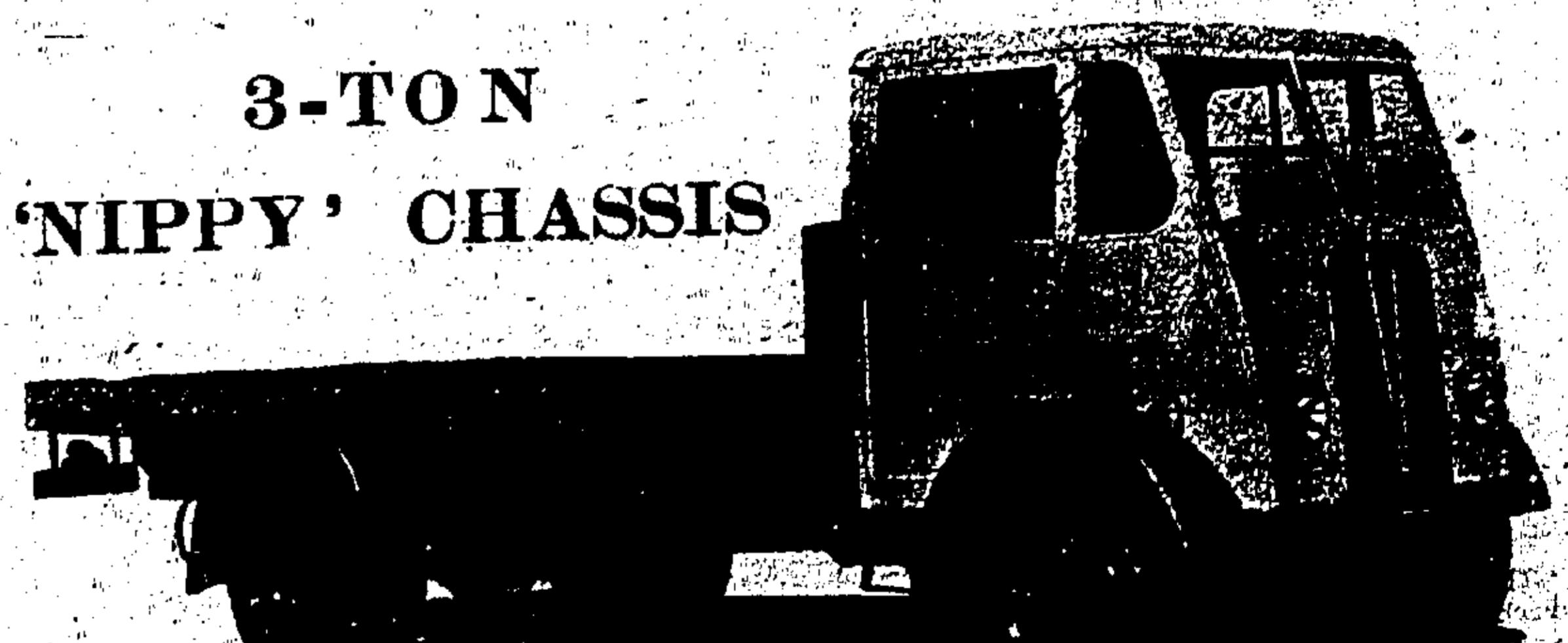
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PROFITEERING

THE REACTIONS of the public in Hongkong to the alarming increase in the price of rice locally show how seriously the problem is viewed by nearly every section of the community. The question everyone is asking is: Where is the justification for this increase in the price of a staple commodity when the Colony was assured not so long ago that there were sufficient stocks in the Colony to meet any emergency? The error that has been made appears to be that the question of control of food prices has, in the main, been solely directed towards imported canned goods, when only a relatively small proportion of the population in Hongkong depend on such commodities for their daily consumption. Even this control has given rise to a deal of profiteering, as retailers, who were previously selling below the control price, lost no time in increasing the prices on their stocks in hand to the level fixed by the controller. With no control so far over the price of rice, profiteers jumped at the first opportunity of filling their pockets at the expense of the poorest section of the population, as the soaring prices of the last few days has shown.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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WEDDING CEREMONY
AT REGISTRY

The wedding between Mr. Tam Tack-on, member of the staff of Messrs. Wainer and Co., and residing at 19 Gage Street, and Miss Kwan Chung-kuen, student, of 72 Peel Street, took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Mr. Lin Yueh-ning, staff of the Foo Shing Trading Corp., residing at 41 Hillwood Road, Kowloon, and Miss Liu Yueh-chun, teacher, of 39 Wong-nai-chong Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. Liu Kai-yan, clerk, of 174 Yee Kok Street, Shamshui Po, and Miss Chan Hon-yung of 120 Apilu Street, Shamshui Po.

The wedding took place on Nov. 28 at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, of Mr. J. W. Chapman, of the China Printing and Finishing Co. Ltd., and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chapman of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Miss Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Honky of Shanghai. The bride's attendant was Miss E. A. Rodgers. Mr. C. Ashworth was bestman and Mr. G. H. Outswaite acted as witness.

NO CASE TO ANSWER:
CLAIM FOR KEROSENE
OIL DISMISSED

A claim for \$948, being the value of 330 tins of kerosene oil which plaintiffs alleged were wrongfully taken by the defendant and converted to her own use, was brought by the Man Hing Tai firm, of Shataukok, against Ko Lai-sang, woman, trading as the Yat Sang Cheung firm, also of Shataukok, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, while the defendant was represented by Mr. A. S. K. Lau.

Mr. Russ said that plaintiffs and defendant both carried on business at Shataukok, where they each had a shop on the British side of the border. The business of the defendant involved the ordering, on a small scale, of kerosene, whilst that of the plaintiffs also involved the ordering of kerosene but on a much larger scale.

After detailing two incidents which occurred before the present action, and in which, Mr. Russ said, plaintiffs had once seen defendant taking part of a consignment of kerosene belonging to them, and on another occasion when they had taken delivery of four tins of kerosene consigned to the defendant, Mr. Russ went on to say that these two incidents made the defendant very angry and that she threatened that she would take 100 tins of plaintiffs' kerosene for every one they took of hers.

VERY CROWDED

Mr. Russ went on to say that the kerosene were ordered from the A. P. C. through their agents at Taipo—the Yee Wo firm—by the plaintiffs' agents, the Shun Cheung Tai firm. A truck was sent by the plaintiffs on April 3 to take delivery of the oil, and the truck arrived at Shataukok on April 4, which was a "fair" day and also the day before the Ching Ming festival. Shataukok was very crowded on that day.

The lorry driver, on arrival, left the delivery chit on the desk in plaintiffs' premises, where it was overlooked. Defendant, noticing the large stock of kerosene on the truck with nobody taking delivery of it, got a few of his folks together and took delivery of the 300 tins. The lorry driver, who saw that they were Chiu Chow people—as were the plaintiffs—permitted them to remove the kerosene without asking them for the delivery chit.

When, after four or five days, plaintiffs found that the oil did not arrive, they began to get suspicious. The accountant approached the defendant about the matter, but she denied all knowledge of the consignment. A kai fong also approached the defendant on behalf of the plaintiffs, as

WITH THE EXPERIENCE of the 1925 rice riots before them, it is gratifying to learn that the Government is now devising a scheme for fixing the retail price of rice which, according to the Food Controller, "will be fair to all parties concerned." It is important that this scheme should be put into operation without loss of time and we have no doubt that the Government is well aware of its urgency. The difficulty with which the Government is faced seems to be in finding the necessary transportation for rice from Thailand and Indo-China, owing to the present uncertainty of the political situation in those countries. Rice dealers are apparently aware of this and are using it to an unscrupulous advantage. It is understood that the Government is studying means to enable the shipping of rice to be resumed from outside the Colony, but, in the meantime, strict price control will do much to alleviate the present distress.

RACKETEERING

HAND IN HAND with profiteering in the Colony—and incidentally this profiteering is also evident in other essentials, such as meat, pork, poultry and charcoal, to name just a few—goes racketeering. The present difficulties which the people of Hongkong are enduring in the matter of their daily existence and obedience to orders and restrictions imposed on them are providing the "squeeze" racketeers with glorious opportunities for continuing their nefarious methods. The ramp that is being operated now against those who daily crowd round the Immigration Office is a glaring example of the fine art to which this contemptible practice has been brought. This particularly obnoxious form of

"squeeze," of filching a couple of dollars from would-be applicants for the permits required under the new law, in order to make it possible for them to get the business over quickly, is being committed openly on one of Hongkong's main thoroughfares with the most amazing audacity.

BETTER POLICE supervision would probably reduce the evil practice to some extent, but would it not be better to make the crowds outside this office understand clearly that application forms can be obtained by writing in to the department concerned, or for provision to be made for dealing with a number of them commensurate with the ability of the staff at the Immigration Office and dispersing the rest? The question of protecting the public from squeeze rackets of this sort, however, is a very big one. The ramp round the cinemas and football grounds, where the sale of tickets is used to obtain an illegal profit from patrons and many other similar rackets, will all come within the purview of a general clean-up, if such is contemplated. All this makes it incumbent on the authorities to take drastic steps to rid the Colony of the undesirables who have managed to get in here and who are mainly responsible for this growing and intolerable menace.

Mr. Paul Lutwy, of the Passenger Department of the American President Lines, Manila, who is returning to the States for his home leave accompanied by Mrs. Lutwy, passed through the Colony yesterday.

Mr. J. Barnum, Far Eastern representative of the Pabst Blue Ribbon Sales Co., who is leaving the Orient, passed through the Colony on home leave. He is travelling to San Francisco.

EDITORIAL

DARING
VILLAGE
ROBBERY

A daring robbery was carried out at Kam Tin on Sunday by a gang of six masked men armed with three revolvers and an iron bar.

The robbers help up the village guards in the temple and stole from them money, a pistol and five rounds of ammunition. They then broke into two other houses where they robbed the occupants of money and valuables to the total value of \$4570.

The gang remained in the village until 1 a.m. before they made good their escape.

The robbery occurred about two miles from the Sheung Shui Police Station.

FOR LEAVE

Nothing happened, went on Mr. Russ, until some time after when two folks of the defendant's firm left and applied to another shop for a job. When asked why he left his former employment, one of the men said that he did not like the place and because his mistress was dishonest in that she had taken somebody's heroine. This information was given to the Man Hing Tai firm.

On Dec. 3, said Mr. Russ, these two folks called at his office in a great state of agitation and stated that they had been threatened with gaol by one Wong Wah if they should give evidence on behalf of the plaintiffs. On his, Mr. Russ, writing to Mr. Lau in connexion with this matter, the latter replied that the conversation between Wong Wah and the two ex-folks was of a very friendly nature.

After evidence had been given by Chan Chin, the accountant of the plaintiffs' firm, Yau Kwan, the lorry driver, a Chinese detective Wong Chark and Chan Shing, the two former folks, who gave contradictory evidence, his Lordship said after hearing all the evidence he found that the defendant had no case to answer. Judgment would accordingly be given for defendant with costs.

The latter died in hospital at 11.45 a.m.

Neighbours heard a commotion and shouts of, "Save life!" The Police were summoned and, on arrival, found the door locked from the outside and they had to force their way in.

The Police found a man, Woo Chiu-chu, 23, accountant of the firm, lying in a pool of blood. The victim's head was practically severed from the body and there were also other wounds.

Found also on the floor was another man, Wong Shu-kam, 19-year-old coolie employed by the company. Wong was alive but his condition was critical.

A blood-stained chopper, of the ordinary meat chopper type, was picked up on the scene.

No arrests have been made.

NEWSSETTES

Mr. James Woo, Manila stock broker, is a visitor to Hongkong.

Mr. Chen Ching-men, Chinese Government Official from Chungking, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Paul Malone, President of the American Biscuit Company, Manila, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Harold Peck, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., arrived here yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Jose Fernandez, Director for the Compania Maritima, Manila, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

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LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions
to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 6th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-
kow Road, Kowloon.A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:-

Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers,
Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Dining
Tables, Chairs, Hatstands,
Chesterfield Suites, Office Furni-
ture, etc., etc.

Cutlery, Curios, Ornaments, Brass
Fenders and Fire Brasses, Electric
Lamps, Heaters, Ceiling and Table
Fans, Looking Glasses, Mirrors,
Gramophones, Records, Porcelain
and Glass Ware, Pictures, Tea Sets,
etc., etc.

also

A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE

and

23 Volumes of "Encyclopaedia Bri-
tannica"
3 Tientsin Carpets and Rugs
3 Bed-Room Suites
2 "Underwood" Typewriters
2 Pairs Binoculars
1 "Gibson" Refrigerator
1 Enlarger
1 "Agfa" Cine Projector 16 mm
1 Radio Set
1 Piano by "Moutrie"
1 Piano by "Allison".

On View from Thursday, the 5th
December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.Chinese Preparations
For Large-Scale
Offensive

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — The Chinese press reports that the Chinese High Command is reversely preparing for a large-scale general offensive next spring.

More than 500 trucks recently arrived from America are now stated to be rushing military supplies to the northern and south ERP fronts.

Every effort is being made to provide the Chinese forces in all areas with adequate quantities of war material.

WAR OFFICE MAY
BAN TREATING

The War Office is giving further consideration to the question of making a "no treating" order, similar to that introduced during the last war.

Service men themselves have complained of being embarrassed by members of the public, who insist on "treating" them and take offence if they decline drinks.

To avoid a scene, the men often drink glasses of beer which they do not want.

Certain executive officers at the War Office are in favour of the imposition of a "no treating" order.

PLEA TO PUBLIC

But there are difficulties in the method of administering it, as it is likely in some cases to result in hardship to licensees.

As a compromise an announcement may be made shortly appealing to the public to refrain from purchasing drinks on Services.

Licenses will be asked to use their judgment by declining to serve drinks when they consider men have had enough.

The "doping" of soldiers in public houses is also to be tackled. It will be one of the first jobs of the new squad of Scotland Yard officers which has been assigned to the War Office.

It is not suggested that soldiers

ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS
AT CENTRALLATEST GIFTS
FOR PURCHASE
OF SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — The latest gift for Spitfires is an unusual one—it comes from the Italians themselves! In recent raids on enemy positions in Africa, soldiers of the Gold Coast Brigade found someира which the Italians had left behind. This money has now been sent to a "Spitfire" fund.

Other gifts include the purchase price of three "Spitfires" from a Newfoundland fund.

The British community in the Argentine has sent £25,000 for the purchase of aircraft for the Fleet Air Arm.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

In Trinidad, an excess profits tax is to be imposed on companies so that more monetary aid can be sent to Britain.

This tax, says the Governor of Trinidad, will be used to increase contributions to the British Government's special naval and military services from £200,000 to £280,000 a year, and to make a further special gift of £52,000 to Britain.

The Mysore War Fund has sent £1,500 to the Lord Mayor of London's air-raid distress fund.

Larceny of \$22 was committed on the previous day.

THEFT OF BICYCLE

Convicted of larceny of a push bicycle outside No. 7, Saigon Street, Wat Ping-chiu, 21, was fined \$10 or, in default, 14 days' hard labour by Mr. A. N. Macfadyen yesterday.

Sgt Alexander prosecuted.

LEARNER DRIVERS FINED

Two learner drivers, Ho Kit, of No. 25, Austin Road, and Ho Chian-fan, were summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for driving in a road other than specified in their licences.

Each of the accused was fined \$5.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Lei Yat-chung was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with uttering two forged \$10 notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on two different occasions, and with possession of same.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, who conducted the prosecution, said that the defendant went to the Lo Sam Kee eating-house at Reclamation Street about 8 p.m. on Nov. 26 and after finishing eating defendant tendered a \$10 note in payment of the 20 cents meal.

The master was suspicious of it but after having been assured by the accused, handed over the change of \$9.80. Later he found out that the note was a forgery and told his son to look out for the defendant if he should appear again.

Two days later about the same time the defendant came to take his meal again. When he finished he was alleged to have produced another forged \$10 note. On seeing that it was a forgery, the master asked him to have it changed. The defendant said that he had none and was arrested. It was alleged that the accused tried to escape when the note was found to be a forgery.

After evidence given by Mr. Le Centre, of the Kowloon branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who testified that the notes were forgeries and by other witnesses, the defendant was committed for trial.

The defendant denied that he was the one who produced the forged note on the first occasion and said that he had no knowledge that the note was a forgery.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

Hearing of the case, in which Tam Kam-ju, wireless operator, was charged with possession of a transmitting wireless set at No. 93, Princes Edward Road, was concluded before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday.

Defendant was employed by Dr. S. Kara as a servant. In the absence of the employer the defendant stole the money and some private papers on Wednesday. The

accused was fined \$200 or three weeks on the first charge and six months on the second charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

DOCTOR VICTIMISED

Sentence of three months' imprisonment followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Hinsworth yesterday on Fok Ping, 17, for larceny of \$381.77 Hongkong currency and Ys.48.75, by servant and for larceny of \$22 from No. 10 Ashley Road.

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accused was fined \$200 or

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TWO EVENTS

Two events served to place Hawaii's Japanese in an uncertain state within the last year: the United States abrogated the 1911 amity and commerce treaty, and the securities and exchange commission forbade Hawaii Japanese purchases of unregistered Japanese war bonds.

Most of the Japanese busi-

nesses and land holdings are in the hands of the older generation. They consequently view the present situation with definite fear.

To their children the problem

is far more acute. Americans,

they find themselves suspected by outsiders and crudely lumped with Orientals not eligible for citizenship.

Under the traditionally

strong Washington reaction,

the United States recently

reversed its policy of

protecting Japanese

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Finance and Commerce

NEW U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BRITAIN IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter) — Important new American moves to help Britain appeared imminent yesterday as the Secretaries of at least three government departments gave indication of further aid being under immediate consideration.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of the latest conference and Sir Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, said that Britain was a "good risk."

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury revealed that Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of H.M. Treasury, was arriving to meet Treasury officials.

Simultaneously, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told a press conference that government was giving consideration to all phases of the shipping question in connexion with aid for Britain.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Observers had sensed something in yesterday's special conference which brought nine of the most important government officials together. Three similar extraordinary meetings have been called of recent months and it is notable that a major step to aid Britain followed each one.

The first meeting preceded the sale of destroyers, the second preceded facilities for Britain to increase her air force orders by 12,000 planes, and the third preceded the release of Flying Fortresses for sale to Britain.

The financing of Britain appeared to be the dominant subject at

that might as well do it again."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Dates	Nominal	THURSDAY 5 DEC.	Buyers	Sellers	Buyers	Sellers	WEEKEND
\$1275	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	...	\$1290
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	...	\$278
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	...	\$273
...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	...	\$279
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	...	\$264
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	...	\$208
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	...	\$73
...	N. C. & S. Banks	10 ct.	...	...	...	—
...	Insurances	—	—	—	—	—
...	Canton Insurances	—	—	—	—	—
...	Union Insurances	—	—	—	—	—
...	Underwriters	—	—	—	—	—
...	H.K. Fires.	—	—	—	—	—
...	Shipping	—	—	—	—	—
...	Douglas	—	—	—	—	—
...	Steamboats	—	—	—	—	—
...	Indo-Chinas (Prot.)	—	—	—	—	—
...	Indo-Chinas (Def.)	—	—	—	—	—
...	Shells	—	—	—	—	—
...	Waterboats	—	—	—	—	—
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	—	—	—	—	—
...	H. K. & K. Wharves	—	—	—	—	—
...	Providence	—	—	—	—	—
...	H. K. Docks (Old)	\$16.65	\$16.65	...	...	—
...	H. K. Docks (New)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Shanghai Docks	—	—	...	...	—
...	Mining	—	—	...	...	—
...	Kailan	—	—	...	...	—
...	Rafts	—	—	...	...	—
...	Hong Kong Mines	—	—	...	...	—
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. & S. Hotels	\$3.30	\$3.45	...	...	—
...	H. K. Lands	—	—	...	...	—
...	Do. 4% Debentures	—	—	...	...	—
...	Shanghai Lands	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Realties	—	—	...	...	—
...	Humphreys	—	—	...	...	—
...	Chinese Estates	—	—	...	...	—
...	Cotton Mills	—	—	...	...	—
...	Ewo (S.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	S'hal Cottons (S.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Public Utilities	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Tramways	\$16.95	\$17.	...	...	X.R.
...	Peak Trams (old)	—	—	...	...	\$364
...	Peak Trams (new)	—	—	...	...	\$165
...	Star Ferries	—	—	...	...	\$125
...	China Lights (O.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	China Lights (New)	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Electric (Old)	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Electric (New)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Mac's Electrics (Old)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Mac's Electrics (New)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Hankow Lines	—	—	...	...	—
...	Telephones (G.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Telephones (new)	—	—	...	...	—
...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Industrials	—	—	...	...	—
...	Cald. Indus. (Ord.) E.	—	—	...	...	—
...	Cald. Macs. (Frd.) S.	—	—	...	...	—
...	Canton Ices	50 ct.	—	...	...	—
...	Cements	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Hoses	\$6.80	\$17/—	...	...	—
...	4% Loan	—	—	...	...	—
...	34% ("1934")	—	—	...	...	—
...	34% ("1940")	—	—	...	...	—
...	Miscellaneous	—	—	...	...	—
...	Dairy Farms	\$1.84	\$1.84	...	...	—
...	Entertainments	\$6.60	\$1.84	...	...	—
...	Constructions (old)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Constructions (new)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Lane Crawford's	—	—	...	...	—
...	Nanyang Tobacco	\$81	—	...	...	—
...	Rice	—	—	...	...	—
...	Watsons	\$10	\$2.20	...	...	—
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925GSBds.	—	—	...	...	—
...	H. K. Wing On	—	—	...	...	—
...	S'hal Wing On	—	—	...	...	—
...	Vibra Filing (L.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Marsmans Inv. (L.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Marsmans Inv. (E.K.)	—	—	...	...	—
...	Wm. Powells	—	—	...	...	—
...	+Sale to Shanghai	—	—	...	...	—

Britain's Need Of Butter

"The defeat of the British Empire in the struggle we are now engaged in is the only factor which will destroy the market for increased Australian dairy production at a reasonable price."

So said Mr. J. R. King, a member of the Australian Dairy Producers Board, recently, replying to a statement by Mr. M. P. Dunlop, general president of the Primary Producers' Union, on the subject of increased dairy output.

"As Mr. Dunlop was well aware of the shortage in butter supplies to the United Kingdom resulting from the war," Mr. King said, "the figures might have been quoted to the farmers when placing before them the attitude of the Primary Producers' Union towards increased production."

"We now have a cable from London stating that the British Government has been forced to reduce the ration of butter from 4 oz. a head to 2 oz. on account of shortage of supplies. Is this not sufficient justification for increased production in Australia?" Mr. King asked, and added:

INCREASED QUANTITIES

"Mr. Dunlop apparently agrees there should be opportunity for the sale of increased quantities of Australian dairy produce after the war, though the only point he is definite upon is that the farmers should have an assured buyer and an assured price before he will advise increased production."

"Although Mr. Dunlop does not read into the contract that the British Ministry of Food will take all the butter and cheese Australia can send, I would like to quote the old adage that 'there are none so blind as those who will not see.' Every box of surplus butter Australia has produced so far since the war began has been taken by the British Government, paid for here, and shipped without any delay or extra cost to the producers."

CHARCOAL GAS AS FUEL

Mr. Vincent was replying to Mr. Wilson (U.C.P. Dubbo), who mentioned a newspaper advertisement for producer gas units and asked whether the Forestry Department was in a position to supply the proper charcoal.

ALLEGED HARSHSHIP

The Premier, Mr. Mair, was asked by Mr. Matthews (Lab., Non-Comm. Leitchhardt) whether it was not a fact that petrol rationing was causing great hardship, and that certain lorries would be able to work only one week in four, and whether he would make the necessary representations for a more liberal scheme.

Mr. Mair replied that he had asked the Federal Government to see that unemployment was not caused by petrol rationing, and he would make representations about any specific matter brought to his notice.

"The State Government has nothing to do with the matter," he added, "but it realises that the Federal Government must take some action to restrict the consumption of petrol. It would be impossible for this country to go on using the same amount of petrol as it did before the war, because a tremendous quantity is required for military purposes, and because of the exchange position."

CHINA TO EXPORT MORE FARM PRODUCTS

Beginning from 1941, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry hopes to increase the value of China's export of farm products to \$50,000,000. For the past few years, the annual average has been \$15,000,000.

To put more land under the plow so that the total food production in Free China can be increased is one of the points to be emphasized in the Ministry's programme for 1941. It is revealed that over 165,000 acres of land are as yet un-cultivated.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 5, 1940.

On London:
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/
Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:
On demand 380
On Singapore:
On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:
On demand 103
On India:
Telegraphic Transfer and demand 82 1/2
On New York:
Bank Bills, on demand 23 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight 34
On Batavia:
On demand 43 1/2
On Paris:
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:
On demand 101
On Manila:
On demand 46 1/2
On Bangkok:
On demand 148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.
Bar Silver per oz 82 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Dec. 5.
Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 1/8 for Ready and 1/16 for Forward, the quotations being 22.15/16 for both deliveries. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Steady. STELLING
There were sellers at 1/8 December/January, buyers at 4 3/1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Were steadier with sellers at 23 5/8 for Cash; buyers at 23.11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged early in the morning at 395.1/2 followed by transactions at 394.1/2 and 394, closing with sellers at 394, buyers at 394.1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 3.51/64 and closed with sellers at 3.13/16 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 6.31/32 and closed with sellers at 6 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/3.1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 23.5/8 for Cash, buyers at 23.11/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 393.1/2 and 393. The market closed with sellers at 392.1/2, buyers at 393.1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

3.13/16 for Sterling at U. S. Dollars at 6, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 5 (Thursday). Official T.T. Rates

Opening 0/3-11/16
London 5-3/4
New York 24-3/8
Japan 20-3/8 N
India 24-1/2

Sterling
Sellers
Opening 0/3-11/16
Spot 0/3-11/04 0/3-13/16

Dec. 0/3-11/04 0/3-13/16
Jan. 0/3-25/32 0/3-11/04

U. S. Dollars
Spot 65-21/32 \$6
Dec. 5-31/32 6-31/32
Jan. 5-15/16 6-31/32
Market Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.

The Equalisation rate was 214 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Dec. 4 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan 81-1/4.

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 4 (Reuters). Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 163/-

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4, 1940.

	Previous	Dec. 4	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Buyers	Buyers	
S P O T	38-3/8	38-1/2	up 1/8
JAN.-MARCH	37-5/8	37-3/4	up 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/4	36-3/8	up 1/4
The market was very steady.			
LONDON RUBBER	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S. P. O. T.	11-13/16	11-7/8	up 1/16
JANUARY	12	12	unch.
FEBRUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	"
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/8	12-1/8	"
JULY-SEPT.	12	12	"
The market was steady but quiet.			
NEW YORK COTTON	There has been an increase in the movement of cotton into the loan and an improvement in spot sales is reported. The market today ruled quiet but steady.		
NEW YORK RUBBER	Apprehension over the possibility of freight increases steadied prices throughout the session.		
NEW YORK HIDES	Further spot sales are reported to be negotiated at advancing prices. Selling of futures was well taken.		
NEW YORK STOCKS	Previous close, 130.78; Today's close, 130.75; Change, off .03.		

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.22	10.17	10.16	.05 up
New York Rubber, March	20.45	20.35	20.40	.05 up
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86	85	unch.
Chicago Corn, May	61	60	60	up .01
New York Hides, March	12.73	12.30	12.44	.22 up
NEW YORK COTTON	Cloes	Opening	Closing	Change
Dec. (New contract)	10.13/13	10.15/15	10.17/17	.04 up
January ()	10.04/14	10.05b/07a	10.08/08	.04 up
March ()	10.16/16	10.18/17	10.21/21	.05 up
May ()	10.07/07	10.09/10	10.13/13	.06 up
July ()	9.88/88	9.89/89	9.93/93	.07 up
October ()	9.33/33	9.36/36	9.36/36	.03 up
Spot	10.13 N		10.17 N	.04 up
Total sales Tuesday 82,700 bales.				
NEW YORK RUBBER	unquoted	20.56b	.01 up	
January	20.56b	20.40b/50a	20.40/40	.05 up
March	20.35b/25a	20.15b/28a	20.20/20	.05 up
May	20.15/15	19.98/20	19.98 N	.05 up
July (New contract)	19.93b	20.08/07		
Total sales 640 tons.				
CHICAGO WHEAT	88/87	87/87	88/87	unch.
May	88/87	88/87	88/87	unch.
July	82/82	82/82	82/82	"
Tuesday's sales 8,012,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN	601/604	604/604	604/61	up .01
May	601/604	607/61	607/61	unch.
NEW YORK HIDES	12.44b	12.38b/55a	12.66b/69a	.22 up
March	12.26/28	12.21b/33a	12.49/49	.23 up
June				
Total sales for the day 131 contracts.				
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4			
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2		

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 4.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

London, Dec. 4.
(including Notes held in the Banking Department) 25.595 25.632
Revere Coin and Bullion in India 3.042 3.079

Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4.441 4.441
Securities (Indian Government) 4.961 4.961

Securities (British Government) 13.150 13.150
(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees).

1938 (Brit. Issue) 384

Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1968 41-46

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 20

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 31

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 10

China, Imperial Rly. 5% 47

China Rly. 5% 16

Tukuan Rly. 5% 11

Spot, 22-15/16

Forward, 22-15/16.

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 4 (Reuters).

Silver—Little general demand of which part was attributable in some quarters for silver coinage orders for certain empire destinations. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot, 22-15/16.

Forward, 22-15/16.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 4 (Reuters).

Tim. Standard, Cash, Middle Price 2/237-5/8.

Tim. Standard, 3 months, Middle Price 2/230-1/4.

Market dull.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 4 (Reuters).

Stocks, 1940.

High 130.78

Low 121.31

Close 120.75

Change .03 up

1940 High 131.32

Low 127.59

Close 127.78

Change .05 up

1940 High 132.31

Low 128.40

Close 128.57

Change .08 up

1940 High 133.00

Low 129.14

Close 129.56

Change .06 up

1940 High 133.51

Low 129.77

Close 130.77

Change .06 up

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SANTI QUARANTA IN SHADOW OF GREEK ARTILLERY

Intense Fighting Around Pogradetz: Heights Taken

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The advance of the Greeks to within one and a half miles of the Albanian supply port of Santi Quaranta is one of their most notable achievements for it was from here that the Italians first drove them back till the fighting raged 15 miles inside Greece.

The Greeks then rallied and in the last three weeks have steadily driven the Fascists back to where they started and Greek guns now command the port and Greek infantry units are on its flanks.

Further inland, but still near the coast, the Greeks all day have closed the coast. The Italian grip on Santi Quaranta is being relentlessly North of Argyrocastron Italian forces have taken today fell back from Pogradetz two more heights dominating the town towards Elisava and Trepe city and the Italian position is still to be desperate.

Greek advance units are reported to have cut the transport route between Argyrocastron and the forward.

Heavy snow is falling in the north, but even here the Greeks are still advancing.

The Greek High Command announces that new heights have been taken around Pogradetz. Responsible papers here now following intense fighting some of the Italians are withdrawing saying that "a bigger battle lies westwards to Mt. Eusso which is only some 35 miles from the coast."

An Athens message says that an Italian counter-attack near Lake Ochrida has been repulsed. The Greeks taking a large number of prisoners.

ITALIANS HARSHED

ATHENS, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The net result of Greek operations of the last 36 hours has been to iron out the number of "pockets" and bring the Greek line into a broad egg-shaped curve across southern Albania.

YOUTHS CALLED UP

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—It has been learned yesterday that Italy has started to call up to the Colonies her youths of 19 and only priests and men already in the Fascist militia and police will be exempted.

R.A.F. SUCCESSES

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Further R.A.F. successes over Albania were announced here yesterday. Reports received confirm that in addition to the two aircraft destroyed by R.A.F. fighters and bomber formations in Albania on Monday, two other enemy aircraft were also destroyed.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY

In a U.S. Senate committee room one day recently Senator Burt Wheeler sat lunching with a tall, white-mustachioed Scotman, who had failed to set him, writes a columnist in "Time".

The Senator's mischievous eyes looked grimmer and grimmer as he heard what his visitor had to say. But he listened on.

His visitor was an eminent British economist, pink-cheeked, 72-year-old Sir George Paish.

Three hours later, as the Scotman took his leave, Senator Wheeler turned an amazed stare on two stenographers in the reception room outside, exclaimed: "What do you think that old gentleman just told me?" Burt Wheeler later told the Senate.

"He (Sir George Paish) . . . said to me 'Senator, the American people have never denied a request that I make of them . . .' He said to me 'I am responsible for getting the United States into the last war . . . and I am going to get this country into this war.'

"He is urging that 50 destroyers be given to Great Britain. He is urging that the Johnson Act (forbidding loans to nations which have defaulted on their debts to the U.S.) be repealed. He was very, very frank about it."

Interrupting, Minnesota Senator Ernest Lundeen declared: "I think the gentleman referred to should be deported from the United States." Said peppery old Senator Carter Glass of Virginia: ". . . If there is not a law to deport him, he should be deported anyway."

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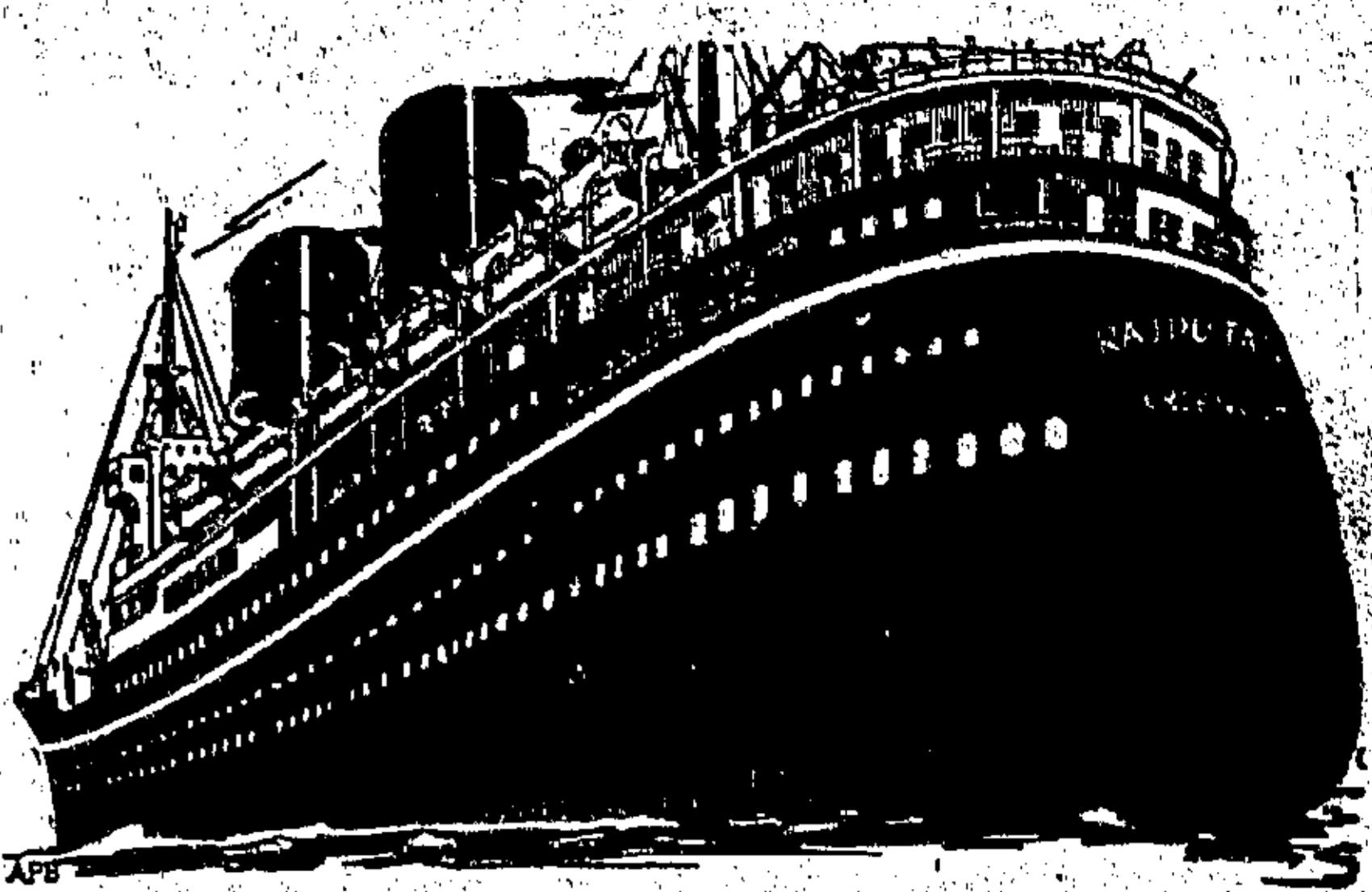
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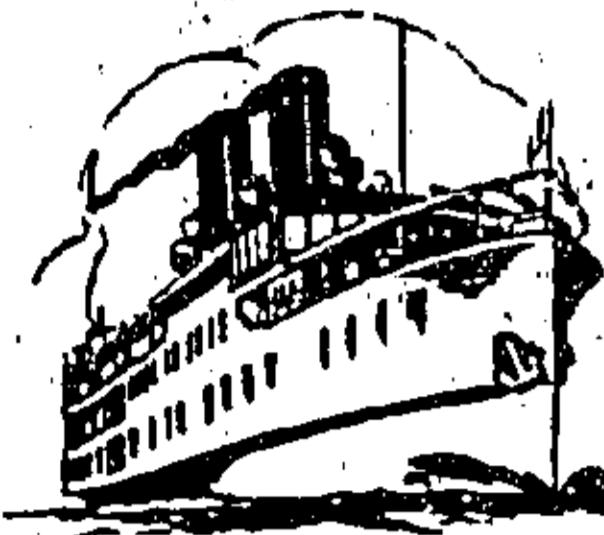
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**GERMANS, PAST
AND PRESENT****HITLER COMPARED
WITH KAISER**

"The Germans of the nineties and the Germans of this century have many elements of similarity," said the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Vansittart, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Diplomatic Adviser to His Majesty's Government, in a further talk in London yesterday in the series "Black Record—Germans Past and Present."

Liberanism, he said, had no chance in pre-war Germany. The Germans showed no desire for political independence or maturity. Sir Robert referred to the degradation of the German language to the level of the public square and Billingsgate.

"So we do not pay much attention to their abuse of us," he added.

ESSENTIALLY SAME

"It would be an interesting study to compare the 'Kaiser's Germany with Herr Hitler's Germany,'" went on Sir Robert. "The similarities are enormous. The Kaiser's speeches were essentially the same as Herr Hitler's."

"Then as now, the Germans were disatisfied with the world that did not give them everything they thought they deserved and the Germans, of course, think that they deserve everything."

Sir Robert declared that the Kaiser's regime had its scandals, but added that these were nothing when compared with the Orgies of the Nazi organisation.

"The other similarities between the Kaiser and the Fuehrer are their conceit and megalomania. Otherwise, Hitler would not have given us his 'Mein Kampf'."

ARMY BILLIARDS

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament are down for decision today:

Royal Signals v. 8th A.A.; Fortress R.R. v. R.A.P.C.; R.A.O.C. v. C. M. Police; 2/Royal Scots v. R.A.S.C.

**PETAIN PLAN TO IMPROVE
FRENCH STATE SYSTEM**

VICHY, NOV. 19.—MARSHAL HENRI PHILIPPE PETAIN, HEAD OF THE FRENCH STATE, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS COMPLETED THE OUTLINE OF HIS POLITICAL REFORMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW STATE.

Petain said he will shortly designate a drafting commission consisting of legal specialists to carry out his plans. He told listeners "we hope it will be ready before we are obliged to discuss peace conditions with Germany."

THE MAIN POINTS OF PETAIN'S POLITICAL REFORMS ARE:

1. France will be divided into 20 provinces, or economic regions each of which will comprise six or seven administrative departments. Each province will be governed by a governor who will be directly responsible to Petain. Under the governors, each department within the province will continue to be governed by a prefect, but by elimination of political parties and elected municipal or departmental councils, these prefects will be relieved of all local political pressure and be responsible only to the governors.

COUNCIL OF NOBLES

2. The government will appoint a municipal council of nobles, thus eliminating completely all municipal suffrage.

3. The nationally elected senate and chamber of deputies will be suppressed and in place of that parliament will be substituted another parliament to be composed partly of hand-picked, government-appointed "notables" to be chosen for service rendered to the nation, and partly of representatives of professional organizations chosen by corporate suffrage. Both national and workers' corporations will be represented, thus insuring both capital and labor a fair proportion along with most representative classes of the nation.

4. Creation of supreme court modelled after that of the United States which Petain said he administered during his visits to America.

This court will be charged with arbitrating all differences arising between various echelons of the national hierarchy.

There would be other advisory councils such as Petain intends to create in each of 20 provinces to serve as provincial council to serve under the governor and consisting of delegates from the 20 major provisional organizations including farmers, employers, labor and representatives of all professions, such as doctors, lawyers and teachers.

Rates for family subsidy are fixed at 10 per cent, the average salary for the second child and 20 per cent for the third, plus 20 per cent for every child after the third. Subsidies are reserved for families whose children enjoy French nationality.

ENDS VISIT IN LYONS

Petain today concluded his two-

**"CHINA IS THE FIRST
LINE OF DEFENCE OF
THE SOUTH SEAS"**

"China is really the first line of defence of the South Seas," declared General Wu Te-chen, China's goodwill envoy and Minister of Overseas Affairs, speaking before a gathering of Straits-born Chinese in Singapore on Nov. 24, according to a report from Singapore.

General Wu recalled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's statement that world peace is indivisible, and there can be no separate peace in Asia.

"For forty months the people of China," General Wu said, "have faced many difficulties and made great sacrifices, but this has made them more determined to carry on the struggle to a victorious finish. Through these sacrifices the foundation for final victory has been firmly laid."

"Our country at home know what the present life and death struggle means. At the front our soldiers are giving their blood for a good cause, and in the rear every man, woman and child has a duty to perform."

FINAL VICTORY

General Wu added: "We are confident of victory because China has never been so united on account of faulty communications and other factors."

"Today, we have one government, one leader and one

principle. We are sure of the final outcome because we all know that united we stand, and divided we fall."

"We are fortunate in having such a good pilot as the Generalissimo, and we feel sure he will steer the Chinese ship of state safely through the stormy seas."

WORLD SYMPATHY

"The sympathy of the world is on our side because we are fighting to uphold the principles of international justice and respect for the rights of others."

"We Chinese are grateful for the help given by peace-loving nations. We consider the re-opening of the Burma Road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship."

"We are fighting to make China safe for democracy. A strong and healthy China is beneficial to the world. In the reconstruction of the world after the end of the war, China will surely be an important factor because we have natural resources and manpower."

General Wu concluded.

**Rockbottom Character
Of British Soldier**

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"Every evening, after darkness falls, they come over us—these murderous machines," declared the speaker. "Even now, as I am speaking, bombs are dropping. Five miles high they come—five miles! Assassination is their aim—deliberate and planned assassination."

"Tomorrow there will be another Mat of murdered women and children and another satisfied grunting pigeons."

"That is what will happen to us if we would allow them," said the speaker.

Major Hastings quoted a description of the German bombing and machine-gunning of civilians in Poland as they ran out of their homes, "with the precision of a sportsman shooting down clay pigeons."

"And who do you think wrote that?" asked Major Hastings. "It was the Hun, the Nazi—and it was written about Berlin. With the full knowledge of what they have done not only in London, but in Warsaw, Rotterdam and other towns—how they squeal and moan and bellow when they get a taste of their own medicine."

"Listen to what a German airman has had to say: 'All of us felt a moment of happiness and joy when we thought of the havoc our bombing would do, especially to a block of flats which could be clearly seen in the moonlight.' It is this Hitler that is proclaiming his new order and taking on the role of an evangelist."

Major Hastings referred to a book which he had read on National Socialism. "There is one consistent thing in this mumble-jumble," he said, "and that is, the doctrine of the German mind to dominate all others—that is the endless refrain. Right is what benefits the German people—wrong is what hurts them—that is their new order."

MORAL REASONS

"Some one said recently that nations go to war today for moral reasons. That is one of those wretched half-truths. The fact is that democracies like Britain and her dominions and the United States do not go to war for purely material reasons, except of course, in self-defence. I stress this because I believe that the moral side of this business matter enormously."

"The thing we are fighting is intolerably foul in its methods and that is why the German terror campaign and cajoleries have proved such failures."

"Nothing will stop our people now that they have seen the evil with their eyes open and nothing will deter them from their determination that this foul thing must be destroyed."

"Behind Herr Hitler stands, we know, millions of conquered people but they have hate and terror in their eyes. Behind us is the strength of the Dominions and the heart of America and from across the Atlantic comes the sound of the clank of factories which must sound in the ears of Herr Hitler and his gangsters like the mills of God."

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